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PATENT APPLICATION

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INCORPORATING SEMANTIC CHARACTERISTICS INTO THE  
FORMAT-DRIVEN SYNTACTIC DOCUMENT TRANSCODING FRAMEWORK

the specification of which (check one)

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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